

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 7, 2005 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. To summarize the status of the patent application, claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1-18 and 32 are allowed. Applicants are canceling claims 19-31 with this paper.

The Office Action Summary states that claims 1-32 are pending but does not indicate the status of claim 32. Moreover, the Detailed Action does not provide any discussion regarding claim 32. In a telephonic discussion on June 23, 2005, the Examiner stated that claim 32 is allowed and that a Supplemental Office Action will be sent.

Drawings

Figure 2 is objected to because the time axis does not show the times corresponding to the measurements and the time unit.

Applicants are submitting a corrected drawing showing the times and time unit associated with the time axis for Figure 2.

Figure 7 is objected to because the axes are not labeled.

Applicants are submitting a correct drawing showing labeling of the axes in Figure 7

Applicants request withdrawal of the objections to the drawings.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 19-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. The omitted

step is how the hardware configuration scalability of a multi-user computer system is being determined using steps A, B, and C in claim 19.

Applicants are canceling claims 19-27 without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 19, 25, and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,567,767 (Mackey).

Applicants are canceling claims 19, 25, and 28-31 without prejudice.

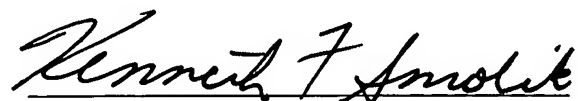
Conclusions

All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that conversation with Applicant's representative would be useful in the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to call Applicant's representative at (312) 463-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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